Risk Allowance to Employees of National Zoological Park.

6193. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to grant Risk Allowance to Malies, chowkidars and other categories of employees in Zoo who are not getting Risk Allowance but are engaged in duties involving great hazards and whose health is liable to be adversely affected progressively over a long period of time;

(b) If so, when; and

(c) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The risk allowance to Zoo employees in paid on the basis of the recommendations made by the Committee constituted by the Government of India in pursuance of the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission to examine the need for grant of risk allowance for different categories of employees and also the adequacy of the risk allowance. The Committee had recommended that the risk allowance should be paid to the employees engaged in sanitary cleaning of underground drains, sewer lines and infectious disease hospitals etc. In view of these recommendations, only Assistant Keepers, Keepers and such other employees who are actually engaged in cleaning of either the enclosures of animals orthe animal wards in the zoo hospital are paid the risk allowance. Malies, Chowkidars and other employees who are not involved in sanitary duties are not eligible for risk allowance.

Death of Animals/Birds In National Zoological Park

6194. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an unusualiy large number of animals and birds have died in the National Zoological park in the recent years;

(b) whether any study has been conducted in order to find out the cause of their death; and

(c) The number of such animals/birds who died during the last three years;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH). (a) to (c). The number of animals and birds that were in the stock and the number of animals and birds that have died at National Zoological park during last three years are as follow: